



APPENDIX - CLAIMS ON APPEAL

➤ (previously presented)

For use with an anchor rail formed as a U-shaped channel having a pair of upstanding, opposing legs, each leg having an inwardly extending wall and terminating in a downwardly oriented rail lip, an adapter configured to receive and releasably retain an associated article support hanger on the associated anchor rail, the adapter comprising:

a mounting surface having an opening formed therein to releasably secure the article support hanger to the adapter;

flanges depending from the mounting surface;

mounting legs extending from the flanges, the mounting legs each having a hook-like portion for engaging the corresponding rail lip, the hook-like portion extending substantially along a width of the mounting leg; and

the adapter being flexible to permit urging of the flanges inwardly toward each other to facilitate insertion of a portion of the mounting legs into the U-shaped channel, the adapter further being resilient such that the hook-like portions biasingly engage the rail lips.

②(original) The adapter in accordance with claim 1 wherein the mounting legs include an inwardly extending portion contiguous with a downwardly extending portion, and wherein the hook-like portion is formed at an end of the downwardly extending portion.

③(original) The adapter in accordance with claim 1 including at least one binding element formed on at least one of the mounting legs cooperating with each hook-like portion to clamp the respective rail lip between the hook-like portion and the at least one binding element.

④(original) The adapter in accordance with claim 3 wherein the binding element is disposed on the inwardly extending portion.